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1. Ex-Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, who arrived in West Germany from Argentina on 28 February 1954, engaged in certain business discussions during his German stay. Some of these concerned the Lucht export firm in Dusseldorf, with which Dr. Werner Neumann is associated. He also engaged in discussions with Waldemar Schmets of the Plesse Publishing House in Goettingen. One unconfirmed report states that he also discussed a deal concerning a cement business involving East Germany and Argentina.
2. Rudel's discussions with rightist politicians such as Neumann, Adolf von Thadden, and Wilhelm Meinberg of the DRP were disappointing to him, and he stated that he did not want to be active in West German politics. After his return to Argentina, he may accept a position as Chief of the Argentina air transport system. This position was held until recently by ex-Captain Hambach (Cru).

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